OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Guyana

The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.

Import Tariffs

Guyana is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), along with Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. Only slightly more than half of the members appear to have implemented the CARICOM common external tariff (CET) whereby goods entering any member country from nonmember countries will be assessed with the same tariff rate. Guyana applies the CARICOM CET, with certain exceptions.

Customs value is based on the c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value of the goods at the time of import and includes all other foreign costs.

Guyana Tariffs (percent ad valorem) for Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

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Yarn	5000 5000	-
-silk	5003-5006	5
-wool	5105-5110 5204-5207	5
-cotton	5204-5207	5
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	5
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	5
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	5
-wool	5111-5113	5
-cotton	5208-5212	5
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	5
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	5
Knit Fabric	60	5
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Non Woven Fabric	5603	5
Industrial Fabric	59	5 - 20
Apparel	61-62	5 - 20
Home Furnishings		
including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	0 - 20
Carpet	57	20
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Footwear	64	5 - 20
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Travel Goods	4202	20

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Standards

Local standards organization and other resources:

- Guyana National Bureau of Standards GNBS
- CARICOM Regional Organization of Standards and Quality CROSQ

Labeling

<u>Labeling of apparel</u> shall be done in accordance with GYS 9-1:1994, Specification for Labeling of Commodities - Part 1: General Principles and shall include the following:

- (a) fiber content;
- (b) the name and address of the manufacturer or trade mark or brand name registered with the competent authority;
- (c) the country of origin;
- (d) the appropriate garment size;
- (e) quality designation, "irregular" where applicable; and
- (f) care information for proper maintenance of the garment

<u>Labeling of textile products</u> (including yarns, fabrics and made-up home textile products) shall be done in accordance with GYS 9-16:2003, Specification for labelling of commodities - Part 16: Labelling of textiles and shall include the following:

- (a) fiber content;
- (b) name and address of the manufacturer;
- (c) including country of origin;
- (d) width of textile in centimeters;
- (e) any finishing treatments; and
- (f) quality designation, "irregular" where applicable.

See the mandatory labeling requirements for textiles -- <u>GYS 9-16:2003 - GUYANA STANDARD Specification for labelling of commodities -Part 16:</u> Labelling of Textiles.

Labeling and packaging requirements are monitored based on mandatory standards for goods by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards - GNBS. U.S. exporters and potential exporters are encouraged to contact the GNBS about the labeling and marking requirements for specific classes of goods before exporting to Guyana. An applicant shall submit labels, drafts of labels or draft advertising texts to the GNBS for advice as to whether the labels, drafts of labels or draft advertising texts comply with the provisions of this standard.

For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click here.

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